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Overview of the ICCVAM Workshop on Best Practices for Assessing the Potential for Chemically Induced Eye Injuries

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Best Practices for Regulatory Safety Testing: Ocular Safety Testing Workshop



- NIH – William H. Natcher Center, Bethesda, MD
- January 19: Ocular safety testing
 - 77 participants
 - Mostly government and industry participants
 - Equal representation
- Poster session
 - 16 ocular posters

Pre-workshop Communications Efforts

- FR Notice (Oct. 13)
- Six announcements sent to ICCVAM email list (958 individuals)
 - Requests to “spread the word” also sent to 12 additional industry contacts not on ICCVAM email list
- Articles in regular NICEATM updates to NTP and ALTEX
- Requests to post on websites sent to 25 organizations
 - 15 actually confirmed posted
- Posters sent to EPA, CPSC, FDA via ICCVAM reps
- SOT and SRA co-sponsorship
 - Email announcement to full SOT membership
- Also supplementary emails to relevant SOT specialty sections

NIH Center for Information Technology Webcast

- Live webcast of workshop
 - Over 90 online viewers each day
- Webcast included all plenary sessions
- Archived webcast available at:
 - NIH Videocast page <http://videocast.nih.gov/PastEvents.asp>
 - NICEATM-ICCVAM website <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/meetings/Implement-2011/ImplmntnWksp.htm>



Summary of Program: Ocular Safety Testing Methods Workshop

- Introduction/Public Health Impact
- Available Test Methods
 - Eliminating pain and distress during *in vivo* ocular safety testing
 - Bovine Corneal Opacity and Permeability (BCOP)
 - Isolated Chicken Eye (ICE)
 - Cytosensor Microphysiometer (CM)
- U.S. Requirements for Consideration of Alternatives
- Current Guidelines for Safety Testing
- Regulatory Agency Roundtable Discussion
 - EPA
 - FDA
 - CPSC
 - OSHA
- Case Studies
 - Breakout groups
 - Summary presentations

Ocular Safety Test Methods Discussed (1)

- Pain Management/Humane Endpoints in *In Vivo* Testing
 - Routine use of topical anesthetics and systemic analgesics using ICCVAM-recommended procedures
 - Humane endpoints to terminate a study
- BCOP Test Method
 - Current validation status - identification of severe eye irritants/corrosives (OECD TG 437)
 - Application, controls, protocol details, scoring, calculations, and prediction model
- ICE Test Method
 - Current validation status - identification of severe eye irritants/corrosives (OECD TG 438)
 - Application, controls, protocol details, scoring, calculations, and prediction model

Ocular Safety Test Methods Discussed (2)

- Cytosensor Microphysiometer Test Method
 - Current validation status
 - Identification of severe irritants/corrosives (water-soluble surfactants or surfactant formulations and nonsurfactants)
 - Identification of substances not labeled as irritants (water-soluble surfactants or surfactant formulations **but not pesticides or nonsurfactants**)
 - Application, controls, protocol details, scoring, calculations, and prediction model

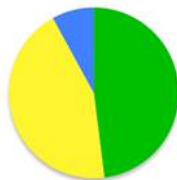
New Ocular Safety Testing Methods in the Validation Pipeline

- ECVAM Eye Irritation Validation Study (EIVS)
 - Epi-Ocular™
 - SkinEthic™
- Other Non-animal Test Methods and Strategies
 - Fluorescein leakage test method
 - Antimicrobial Cleaning Product testing strategy pilot program
 - Isolated rabbit eye test method
- JaCVAM 2nd Validation Study
 - Short time exposure test method (STE)

Survey responses: Ocular Workshop

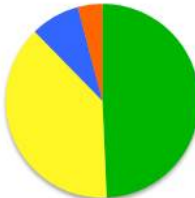
- Number of surveys received: 26
 - Total attendance: 77
- Respondents:

Were satisfied with the workshop and the information presented



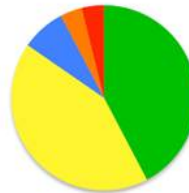
■ Strongly agree
■ Agree
■ Neutral

Felt that the workshop achieved each of its stated goals*



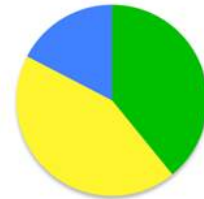
■ Strongly agree
■ Agree
■ Neutral
■ Disagree

Felt the presentations were useful and practical*



■ Strongly agree
■ Agree
■ Neutral
■ Disagree
■ Strongly disagree

Felt the posters were informative and relevant



■ Strongly agree
■ Agree
■ Neutral

*Represents a summary of data from several questions

Case Studies Overview

- ▣ Four ocular case studies were presented to highlight:
 - The potential for reducing animal use by using the BCOP, ICE, and CM in vitro test methods
 - How to conduct and interpret results from the validated in vitro ocular test methods
 - BCOP
 - ICE
 - CM

Case Study Summaries (1)

- Use and interpretation of BCOP test method results
 - ⌘ Describes the tiered-testing strategy to be followed to determine whether a validated and accepted *in vitro* ocular test method should be considered (TG 405; OECD 2002)
 - ⌘ Positive BCOP results can be used to classify certain substances as ocular corrosives and severe irritants without further testing (TG 437; OECD 2009)

Case Study Summaries (2)

- Use and interpretation of CM test method results
 - ⌘ Positive CM results can be used to classify water-soluble surfactant chemicals and certain types of surfactant-containing formulations as substances not classified as ocular hazards without further testing (ICCVAM 2010)¹
 - First *in vitro* test method to be recommended by ICCVAM for this testing purpose

Case Study Summaries (3)

- Use and interpretation of ICE test method results
 - ⌘ Positive ICE results can be used to classify certain substances as ocular corrosives and severe irritants without further testing (TG 438; OECD 2009)
 - ⌘ Ketones are an identified limitation for the BCOP test method
 - ⌘ Pain management procedures that should *a/ways* be used when it is determined necessary to conduct the rabbit eye test (ICCVAM 2010)¹

Case Study Summaries (4)

- ✓ Use and interpretation of CM test method results
 - ⌘ Positive CM results can be used to classify water-soluble surfactants, surfactant-containing formulations, and **nonsurfactants** as ocular corrosives and severe irritants without further testing (ICCVAM 2010)
 - ⌘ Alcohols are an identified limitation for both the BCOP and ICE; CM provides an *in vitro* option for some of these substances

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